

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Regulation of Arms Traffic

1. There are two Federal units charged with enforcing the regulations concerning the arms traffic in this country:

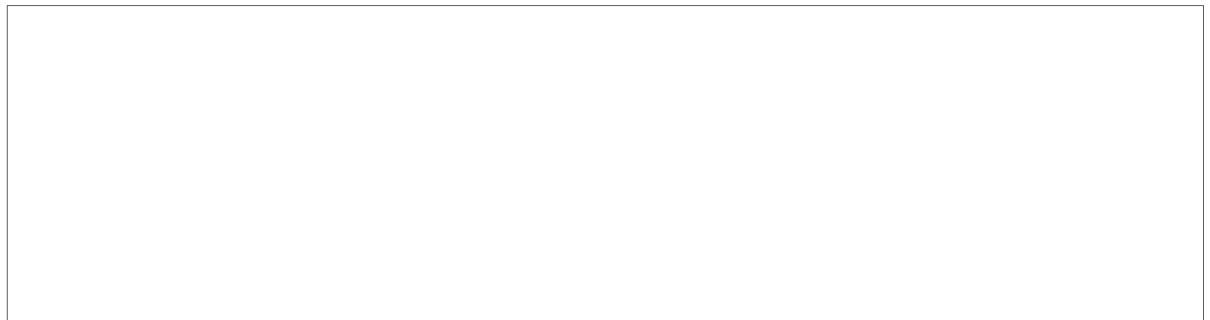
a. The Office of Munitions Control at the Department of State

All importers or exporters of weapons of all kinds are required to register with this office and obtain import or export licenses for any transactions they intend to engage in.

b. The Firearms Section of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Treasury Department

This office is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the National Firearms Act and the Federal Firearms Act. The former act provides that certain types of weapons, especially automatic weapons, may be legally purchased and owned if properly registered with the Firearms Section. The Federal Firearms Act is designed to prevent the lawful sale of arms to criminals.

2. Both the Office of Munitions Control and the Firearms Section maintain indexes of legally registered dealers, but we feel that it is unlikely that any of the legitimate arms dealers would deliberately violate the law by engaging in gunrunning. However, a recent examination was made of the records of the Office of Munitions Control and the attached list was compiled.



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Attachment

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